

**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Inner Conflicts**

LOOKING at the turn of the year, at Russia and her satellites in Eastern Europe, one has a growing sense of uneasiness and uncertainty. Although much evidence is hidden, there are many visible signs that all is far from well and that the new internal policies, from which so much was hoped and promised in 1953, have failed to produce the anticipated results. One sure sign of anxieties and inner conflicts inside the topmost circles of the regime has always been purging, "unmasking" plots and conspiracies. The familiar pattern is being reproduced. In the Soviet Union Viktor Abakumov, Minister of State for Security from 1946 to 1952 has been tried and with three others has been executed. Abakumov had been dismissed from his office 18 months before the death of Stalin and now nearly four years later he is suddenly tried and sentenced for having been associated with Beria in malpractices in 1948 or 1949. In Poland Stanislaw Radkiewicz, Minister of Public Security and head of the political police since the end of the war, has been removed from that key post. In Hungary the release of Mr. Noel Field is accompanied by announcements that secret police have been guilty of false convictions and that "grave mistakes" are to be "liquidated." The security system both in the Soviet Union and in the satellites is being overhauled. That, in Communist states, is always a symptom of internal trouble. And it seems reasonable enough to suppose that one of the causes of the trouble is the failure of the new course to produce the promised plenty of food and consumer goods and at the same time maintain output of capital goods at a high level.

THERE has certainly been in Russia a considerable increase in the quantity of consumer goods available, but prices are high and quality poor. The Government has been casting around for somebody to blame. Ministers have been accused of inefficiency and now it has been found that one cause of the trouble is serious shortcomings in organisational structure and excess staff in the administrative system. Thousands of workers are being combed out for manual labour. But the whole plan is plainly dictated by the feeling that something urgent and drastic has to be done to increase production. Post-Stalin economic programmes have not solved the problems of under-production which keep Soviet standards of living low and which embarrassingly conflict with Marxist theory. So too, in the satellites, Premier Nagy of Hungary complains that the programmes for 1953 have been incompletely carried out and threatens severe measures against the culprits. The Party secretary states that "things are far from being in order." That seems a fair summary of the position, not only in his own country but in all Communist Europe. What effect will this have on the foreign policy of the Soviet Government? Now that Mr. Molotov's efforts to prevent the integration of Western Europe have apparently failed (with what effect one wonders on his personal prestige?) there has to be a re-appraisal in Moscow. Carrying out his threat to stop up Soviet armaments seems hardly possible without a drastic lowering of the standard of living. On the other hand any move to step down the cold war seems hardly likely. For it is at times of stress that dictatorships have most need of external tension—both as an excuse and as a distraction. What is sure in this new assessment of the international situation and in any reconsideration of Soviet policy is that Mr. Malenkov will necessarily be largely influenced by economic and social conditions now obtaining in Russia and the satellites.

**GRAND FIGHT BY ENGLAND**

**Peter May Fails To Reach 100**

**WARDLE HAS A MERRY KNOCK**

Melbourne, Jan. 4. England is fighting desperately for a commanding position in the crucial third Test match in Melbourne now in its fourth day. Peter May 83 last night missed his century by nine runs this morning, and then Compton and Evans went in quick succession leaving England six wickets down for 211.

Then came Johnny Wardle, Yorkshire spin bowler, and in a short stay at the wicket hit the Australian bowling all over the field. The crowd of 50,000 roared their approval at his merry knock. In one over, he hit 14 runs off Ian Johnson including three fours. But Johnson got his revenge when he bowled in the next over for 38 runs. Wardle batted cautiously and very, very slowly to score 14 runs not out up to the time the China Mail went to Press.

**Groundsman Denies Watering Test Pitch**

Melbourne, Jan. 3. Mr. Jack Hodges, the head groundsman who prepared the Melbourne wicket for the third Test between England and Australia, tonight denied reports that the pitch had been illegally watered during Sunday. The reports arose from the mysterious improvement in the character of the wicket on the third day of the game today. Saturday's play had seen the pitch baked hard and taking spin, but today it did not take spin until late in the day. Mr. Hodges said the dampness of the pitch when play started today resulted from the ground sweating under the covers during the hot night. The covers were taken off from 7 a.m. to 6.15 p.m., on Sunday and the pitch was never left unattended, he added.

**NO STATEMENT** Officials discussed the reports of the alleged watering but made no complaint and no statement was issued. Prior to Mr. House's statement Melbourne newspapers had been investigating reports that the Test wicket had been illegally watered. Cricket rules lay down that the wicket must not be artificially watered while the Test is in progress.—Reuter and China Mail Special.

**German Diplomat Suspended**

Bonn, Jan. 3. The West German Charge d'Affaires in London was suspended from his post today after his former Beauty Queen wife made a speech labelling Britain an "enemy" country. The offending remark was made in a Christmas speech to members of the German Embassy in London by the wife of the Charge d'Affaires Oskar Schlitter. After a preliminary meeting between Herr Schlitter and the Foreign Office personnel chief, Dr. Joseph Lorenz, at noon, the Foreign Office announced that Herr Schlitter had offered his resignation from the diplomatic service and had been suspended from his job pending an investigation ordered by the State Secretary, Walter Hallstein.—United Press.

**Dog Gets False Teeth For Xmas**

Sydney, Jan. 3. "Lucky," a mongrel dog, of Newton, New South Wales, has a set of false teeth, replacing five knocked out by an irate motor-cyclist in 1951. "Lucky's" owner, Mr. Arthur Dore, had the dental plate made specially as a Christmas gift, but gave it to his pet early so that he could get used to it.—China Mail Special.

added only 14 runs to the overnight total of 159 for three. May, requiring only nine to reach his century, was clean bowled by Johnson—and England was four down for 173, or 133 ahead of Australia with six wickets standing. Australia struck again 12 runs later when Maddocks made a low catch as Compton tried to cover drive Archer. The retiring batsman's contribution was a carefully-completed 23.

**FIVE LEFT** England, 185 for five, was now 145 ahead with five more wickets left. A crowd estimated at over 50,000 watched the play in terrific heat. Commentators said the pitch was "still playing well." Evans was out to a good catch by Maddocks off Miller in the second over after lunch for 22.—Reuter.

England 1st Innings: 191	Len Hutton, lbw b. Archer 42
Australia 1st Innings: 231	Bill Edrich, bowled Johnston 13
England—2nd Innings	Peter May, bowled Johnston 91
	Colin Cowdrey, bowled Benard 7
	Dennis Compton, c. Maddocks 23
	b. Archer 23
	Bailey, not out 14
	Evans, c. Maddocks b. Miller 22
	Wardle, b. Johnson 38
	Extras 7
Total: Seven wickets for 290	

**Berlin To Be International City?**

Berlin, Jan. 3. The West Berlin anti-Communist Information Bureau West claimed today that Russia planned to propose that Berlin should become an international city when the Paris agreements on German reunification were put into effect. The Soviet Union would suggest the whole city should be ruled by a Governor responsible to an international body which would include delegates from West and East Germany, Britain, the United States, France, the Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia, the Bureau said. It quoted East German Foreign Ministry officials as saying that Moscow intended to invite the three western powers to attend talks on the future status of Berlin, now divided into East and West zones. Allied and West German officials declined to comment on the report. The Bureau said it has been discussed at a recent secret meeting of the East German Communist Party's Central Committee.—Reuter.

**McCarthy Hands Over To A Democrat**

Washington, Jan. 3. Senator Joseph McCarthy today ended two years' activities against Communist subversion as chief of the Senate Investigations Subcommittee with "both relief and regret." He handed over his office as Chairman to Senator John McClellan, a Democrat, as a result of the Democratic Party's victory in mid-term elections last November.

**EDENS MEET HAMMARSKJOLD**



Mr. Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations is welcomed at Darnleywood, Bucks, by Sir Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and Lady Eden, when he went there straight from London Airport last week.—Reuterphoto.

**ARCTIC WINDS BRING FREEZING WEATHER TO EUROPE**

London, Jan. 3. icy winds sweeping down from the Arctic Circle today brought Europe its coldest weather this winter.

Snow covered Western Europe from Northern Italy to the Baltic Sea coast.

Britain experienced the lowest temperature of the winter when the thermometer recorded 30 degrees below zero. In Norway it was just above zero.

But Scandinavia was colder. In Southern Lapland it was 22 degrees below zero.

**DANGER REDUCED** Temperatures hovered around the zero mark in Austria, but shivering citizens were glad because it reduced the danger of avalanches.

However, slight snow falls were reported in the upper reaches of the Alps. Northern Italy reported heavy snowfalls, and light snow fell near Rome for a few hours last night. Mt. Vesuvius, 150 miles to the south, sported a gay white cap for the first time in many years.

**PLANE NOT DAMAGED**

At Shannon, Ireland, high winds blew the Royal aircraft carrier into the airport runway and its long wings are expected to block the runway for several hours until it can be towed away.

The Canopus, a BOAC Stratocruiser, is to fly Princess Margaret to Bermuda next month at the start of her Caribbean tour. It flew Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the first leg of their round-the-world tour last year. The plane was not damaged.

Trans-Atlantic airliners leaving London airport were routed around Shannon Airport.—United Press.

**Hongkong Shivers**

Hongkong has been shivering in a cold spell that began on Sunday, and shows no sign of warming up yet.

The minimum temperature recorded at the Royal Observatory at 12.30 this afternoon was 54.5 degrees F. The lowest temperature, however, was on Monday, when the mercury dropped to a minimum of 52.2 degrees F. Last year, at this time, the minimum was 62.3 degrees F.

**Hammarskjold At Canton**

Tokyo, Jan. 4. United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold arrived at Canton at 8.30 a.m. local time, radio Peking announced today.

In a brief three-sentence broadcast Peking radio said: "United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold arrived at Canton at 8.30 this morning by a special plane. He was accompanied by a party of six assistants."

"The party was met by Tiao Jo-min, head of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Kwangtung Provincial Government."—United Press.

**Wall Street Boom At Record Level**

New York, Jan. 3. A turnover of over 4,500,000 shares on Wall Street today set a new peak for the current boom and was the biggest in over four years. The Dow Jones index, a gauge for industrial shares—the "barometer" of the market—jumped nearly four and a half points to 408.89. It was all time record.

**SWEDISH DIPLOMAT FOUND DEAD ON RAILWAY LINE**

Dijon, France, Jan. 3. The Swedish Minister to Mexico, Mr. Sven Grafstrom, who recently headed the Swedish delegation to the Truce Commission in Korea, fell to his death today from the Cote d'Azur-Paris overnight express train.

Early Police investigations indicated that he had fallen accidentally from the speeding train. He was last seen entering his sleeping compartment on the train taking him to Paris from a Riviera vacation.

**Dutch, Chinese Sign Contracts For \$650,000**

Contracts valued at about \$650,000 were signed by Dutch businessmen and Chinese officials in Peking last month, during the first trade contacts between the two countries since the Communists came to power in China.

This was disclosed by Mr. C. J. Schaap, Chairman of the visiting group of Dutch businessmen to China, this morning. He arrived in Hongkong yesterday with two members of the group, Messrs. A. A. Kappers and C. E. 't Hoen. He added that this figure was the last which was brought to his notice prior to his departure. Some additional transactions were awaiting telegraphic confirmation by Holland, while one member of the group was still in Peking, awaiting the group's decision to spend some time in Shanghai.

Mr. Schaap revealed that members of his group sold pharmaceuticals, chemical oils, chemicals and rayon yarn to the Chinese, who balanced the exchange to a fair extent with native produce, animal by-products and tea.

The Chinese were accessible to the group's requests for discussions on modification of terms of contract and methods of payment. Mr. Schaap said, and he considered the outcome of the visit "satisfactory."

**Jimmy Swaine To Join RN After All (But As A Writer)**

Liverpool, Jan. 4. Nineteen-year-old Jimmy Swaine from Hongkong will join the British Navy today as a writer, although he travelled 12,000 miles to sign on as electrician.

His life-long ambition was shattered when Navy doctors told him his eyesight was not good enough and a private eye list has now told him he is colour blind. Six months ago in Hongkong a Navy doctor told him he was completely fit. Mrs. Bessie Bradcock, Labour MP who took up Jimmy's case, is to ask in Parliament that people in his position should, in future, be able to get expert medical advice before leaving home to join up.—Reuter.

**Revolutionary Jet Engine Developed**

Philadelphia, Jan. 3. A lighter and more powerful jet engine than any now in use has been invented by Private Simon Waltzman, aged 25, the Army authorities stated here today. Private Waltzman, a former University of Pennsylvania student, has been granted a Government patent on the engine, said to be in direct opposition to the current trend in jets, which has made them much more involved in an effort to increase their speed. The young inventor's idea enables a plane with its jet-turbojet combination, to achieve greater speed without becoming larger, heavier, and more complicated. He claims his engine could be developed into a compact, light and powerful unit and a relatively inexpensive one which could be the answer to the development of a new light-weight jet engine.—Reuter.

**Rail Strike Threat: Cabinet To Meet**

London, Jan. 3. Sir Winston Churchill tonight called a Cabinet meeting for tomorrow morning to discuss chiefly the threat of a nation-wide rail strike including underground railway services.

The Prime Minister summoned this Cabinet meeting—the first of the new year—as leaders of 400,000 British railworkers completed plans for a pay claim strike beginning at midnight next Sunday.

The union chiefs—members of the Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen—made it plain today that with six days to "zero hour", their attitude was hardening.

They reiterated their determination to carry the strike through if their claims for wage increases is not met by the Transport Commission, operators of the state-owned railway system.

**COURT'S REPORT** As the union leaders planned their nation-wide stoppage, which would severely hamstring the country's economy, three members of a Government Court of Inquiry were working round the clock to prepare a Government report which offers the only hope of averting the strike.

They are expected to rush through an emergency interim report on the dispute to Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour, on Wednesday.

The Minister will have to published by Thursday when the Executive of the N.U.R. will meet to decide their attitude to the report.

The stoppage would be Britain's first nationwide rail strike since half a million men took part in a nine-day stoppage in 1919 although railwaymen did join Britain's national strike in 1926.

**UNDERGROUND SERVICES** The N.U.R. is seeking wage increases of between 8 and 10 shillings a week for all rail workers except drivers, firemen and clerical workers. The Transport Commission said it cannot afford this.

The N.U.R. Executive today considered strike arrangements and appointed committees to organise the stoppage. They also completed plans for the issue of strike pay of roughly £700,000 a week.

Hope that London underground railway services would not be affected by a rail strike fell tonight when separate wage claim talks affecting underground workers, scheduled for mid-week were postponed indefinitely at the union's request.—Reuter.

**Attlee: 72 Today**

London, Jan. 3. Mr. Clement Attlee, 72, British Labour Party leader, celebrated his 72nd birthday today.—United Press.

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# CARIBBEAN HURRICANE

## First Off-Season Storm Since Columbus

### WEATHER MEN CAUGHT OFF BALANCE

Miami, Jan. 3.

A small off-season hurricane, the first ever recorded in the West Indies during January, swung its 75-mile-an-hour winds into the Caribbean today to threaten tropic shipping.

The howler, with winds barely reaching hurricane strength, caught weathermen by surprise as it rumbled along on a southwesterly course at 10 miles per hour into Caribbean waters.

Never before had a hurricane been officially noted in the Caribbean in January, although Christopher Columbus logged a violent storm in February 462 years ago.

The new storm was located at noon by an Air Force reconnaissance plane about 100 miles south-southeast of the island of St. Croix or about 1,400 miles southeast of Miami.

The "eye" of the storm, named Alice for the first hurricane of 1955, was only 12 miles in diameter and the blow packed hurricane force winds over a very small area.

A Navy hurricane hunter plane from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was scheduled to scout the storm.

Shipping in the northeast Caribbean was advised to proceed with caution and small craft in the Virgin Islands and Northern Leeward Islands were advised to remain in port.

But weather forecasters expected the hurricane, apparently born in a low pressure area which drifted down from the north and settled in the West Indies, to dissipate when it collides with colder air before threatening the U.S. mainland.

The months of January to May had long been considered to be free of hurricanes in the Caribbean and the huge hurricane warning net centered at Miami was dismantled as usual at the end of the regular June-November season.

**OFF ALERT**

The Navy also had taken its famous hurricane hunter squadron at Jacksonville, Florida, off the 24-hour alert maintained during the five months when the howlers are most prevalent.

Christopher Columbus apparently knew "which way the wind was blowing," however.

**DALAI LAMA ON TOUR**

London, Jan. 3.

The spiritual leader of Tibet, the Dalai Lama, left Peking today to tour China, the Communist New China News Agency said. He was accompanied by his sister and Tibetan officials.

The Dalai Lama has been in China since the summer, Reuters.

**PIERRE BRASSEUR**

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**Bayer's TONIC**



The dog isn't so sure that he likes this other animal that has been brought into the house, but 13-year-old Jennifer Golding knits on without concern as her 18-year-old brother Robert plays with the four-foot-long royal python that is his favourite pet. The snake is just one of the reptiles Robert keeps in his Downend, Bristol, home. So fond is he of snakes that he spends all his school holidays doing voluntary work in the reptile house of the Bristol Zoo.—Reuterphoto.

## Western Powers Contemplate Replies To Russia

London, Jan. 3.

The Western Big Three powers have opened consultations on whether and what to reply to Moscow's avalanche of diplomatic notes in recent weeks, Foreign Office officials disclosed today.

The Kremlin warned the Big Three Western powers in notes of December 9 of the consequences of ratification of the Paris accords. It warned France and Britain shortly afterwards that ratification would "cancel" its treaties of friendship with the two Western democracies.

Moscow, in notes to Britain and the U.S., moreover asked for an "explanation" of reports that American air bases in Britain harboured aircraft designed for atomic attack on Russia.

**ALIGN POLICY**

The U.S., Britain and France are seeking through diplomatic channels to align their policy on these Soviet approaches, the sources said.

Top Western officials feel that the Soviet note of December 9 merits no reply because it repeats the old charges against the West's defence effort and advances no new proposals.

Nevertheless "diplomatic courtesy" might call for a brief reply which, informed sources said, would amount to little more than an acknowledgment of the Soviet note.

Britain is, however, expected to reject firmly the Soviet charges of the note of December 20 which threatened to abrogate the Anglo-Russian friendship treaty in the event of ratification of the Paris treaties.

Britain will express her regret at the Kremlin's attitude and the hope that the Soviet will refrain from carrying out its threatened move.

Consultations are in progress with Washington on the reply to the Kremlin's notes on U.S. atomic bases in Britain.

## FRANCO-TUNISIAN DEADLOCK

Paris, Jan. 3.

The Franco-Tunisian negotiations have reached a deadlock on three main issues, education, police and justice.

These negotiations, which have been going on here for some months, are to be raised to the ministerial level sometime this week.

As far as the police question is concerned, the Tunisian representatives have stood out for an immediate transfer of all police commands, excepting frontier-guards and national security forces from the French to the Tunisians.

As far as educational and cultural questions are concerned, the Tunisians claim that Tunisia should be given complete control of all national education establishments while a French mission should be allowed to act within specifically limited fields.

**LEGAL SYSTEM**

The Tunisian delegation has also pressed for a legal system based on an essentially Tunisian juridical framework.

Only Franco-Tunisian disputes would be handled by the Franco-Tunisian courts, according to the Tunisian point of view, while the French position is that native courts should judge cases in which only Tunisians are involved. Franco-Tunisian courts should judge Franco-Tunisian cases and French courts should judge cases between Frenchmen and foreigners.

Despite the Franco-Tunisian differences of opinion on legal, educational and police questions, it was believed that the Tunisian delegation to the Franco-Tunisian talks would not press for the setting up of a Tunisian army without French control nor for Tunisian diplomatic representation abroad on an independent basis.—France-Press.

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PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

## LADY JEBB DECLARES WAR ON THE BIDET

Paris. LADY JEBB, wife of the British Ambassador, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, has declared war on an estimable French institution, the crowning glory of French plumbing and an age-old mystifier to Anglo-Saxon tourists staying in a French hotel for the first time.

I refer, of course, to the bidet or hip-bath, which is a permanent feature of every French bathroom.

With the approval of the Minister of Works Lady Jebb has entered with enthusiasm upon the task of modernising the British Embassy here.

After the famous £7,000 improvements to the Embassy kitchen, Lady Jebb has turned her attention to the bathrooms. There were only four bathrooms in the Embassy's residence and none at all for the servants. So Lady Jebb planned and supervised the installation of three new bathrooms and the remodelling of another. She also installed showers in the servants' quarters.

She then pondered the problem of the bidets in the existing bathrooms. No doubt finding them unsightly, she ordered that they be uprooted.

Uprooted they were.

One can imagine the horror of the French plumbers as they went about their almost sacrilegious task.

This is not the limit of Lady Jebb's enterprise. Earlier she found there were too many trees in the Embassy garden. She ordered seven trees to be felled and had two rose and

dahlia beds laid down. (Bill for garden improvements: £900.)

### 'Lady Chatterley'

CULTURAL NOTES. — The new spectacular show at the Casino de Paris opens with an off-to-the-hunt tableau featuring the show's leading singer as Lady Chatterley. The current play at the Salle Luxembourg has provoked energetic protests from the theatre's two bars. The play runs for two hours without an interval.

To appease the barmen the theatre is now looking for a curtain-raiser to provide the necessary interval.

### Her first call

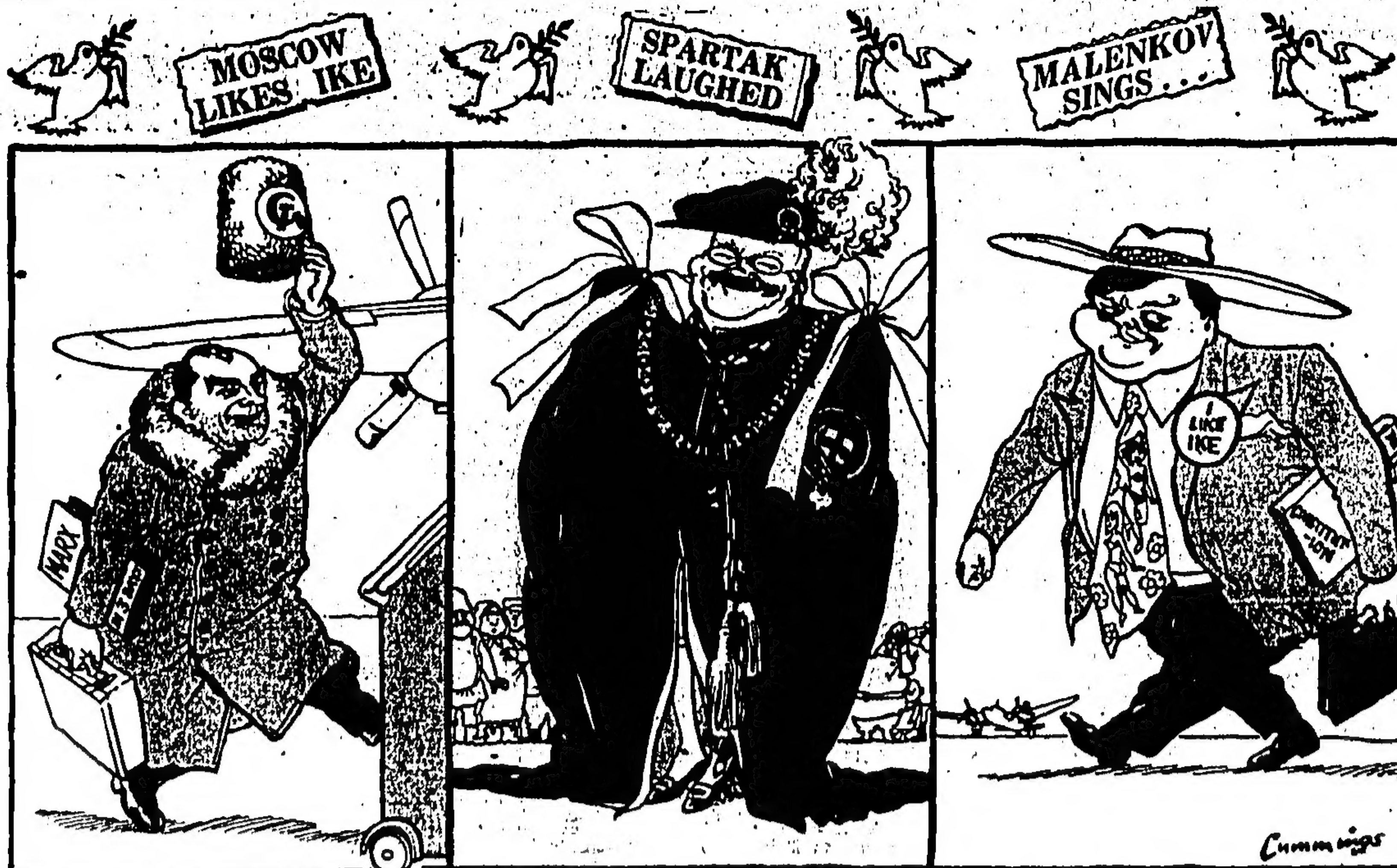
THE HORRORS OF CAPITALISM. Lady Hayter, wife of the British Ambassador in Moscow, has been visiting Paris and her first call was on a fashionable hairdresser. Just as she was seated she saw to her horror a not unfamiliar face emerging from the drying apparatus. It was that of the French playwright Jean Cocteau.

### £50 a week

FOOTNOTE: French MPs have boosted their salaries to just over £50 a week. Only the Communists opposed the increase. In the current state of French public opinion about its irresponsible Parliament the increase and the Communist opposition to it is worth on a modest estimate a good million votes to the Communists.

### Bed-sitters?

QUOTE of the week: Ambassador Sir Gladwyn Jebb. — "There seems to be an idea in some quarters that ambassadors should live in bed-sitting-rooms."



1. That Senator McCarthy is to pay a state visit to Moscow to receive the Order of Lenin.  
2. That Mr. Molotov is to be a Knight of the Garter too.  
3. Or that Mr. Malenkov is off to Washington to bow to Marilyn Monroe and to help out Ike in Congress.

# A KINGDOM FOR SALE — PRICE IS £45,000

By Col. P. T. Etherton

Explorer and world traveller: organiser of the expedition which flew over Everest in 1933

WHO would be a "king" for £45,000, or maybe less—not a chain-store king or a wheat king but a real king, with a title by custom going back 800 years?

The kingdom is for sale, a pocket paradise 20 miles off the coast of Britain.

Lundy is its name and whoever becomes "King" of Lundy possesses himself at once of these privileges:—

- He can mint his own coins and print his own stamps.
- He is free from the bureaucrats.
- He pays no income tax—or super tax.
- The gas and water men never call.
- He is immune from Customs and can land any goods he wishes.

His rights not only set him above certain laws of England, they give him powers over the island people, numbering 15, and their visitors.

The "King" of Lundy can remove anyone he considers undesirable; deny a person the right to land; control all fishing catches to a certain distance off shore.

### HISTORY

The last "King" of Lundy was Martin Coles Harman, London financier, who died a few weeks ago leaving no heir. Harman wanted to sell the island to a person who would maintain the rights and privileges of kingship.

The price today is £45,000—though a reasonable offer would be considered—and the main interest has so far come from America.

Look back into history and see how Lundy, three and a half miles long by less than a mile wide, visible from the Devon coast on a clear day, has grown with the centuries.

It has been a sanctuary for early Christians; a king's retreat; a stronghold of royalty; the seat of English, French, Spanish,

and even Turkish sea rovers, and a convict settlement.

King Stephen granted it a royal charter in 1135. From then the overlords took on the appurtenances of kings. According to Harman, who possessed documents of great antiquity, they defied authority, maintained their independence, and flew their own flag from the keep.

None of the English kings could do anything about it. One after another tried to oust the overlords, who in time became kings themselves in almost everything, and the rights and immunities granted them confirmed this belief in kingship.

The last charter was granted by Charles I.

Could Whitehall upset the "king" of Lundy? I do not think it will happen. It would involve complicated legal battles and an immense amount of research.

### In the house

of the "king" on Lundy is a trunk full of charters and ordinances from kings and statesmen relating to Lundy. Some are in Welsh and Latin: One is in Icelandic! The coins of Lundy are in values of puffin and half-puffin. They are treasured by antiquaries and have the familiar puffin on one side and the bust of the "king" on the other.

The puffin also decorates the island stamps, which range from ½ puffin to 12 puffsins (1 puffin=1d.) in varying colours. There was an exclusive set of seven for the Coronation.

### SURPRISING

Surprising, too, it is to find that the granite in Lundy is among the purest in the world. Some of it was used in the construction of the Victoria Embankment in London.

Rabbits first came to England from Lundy, and their



family were overlords for nearly a hundred years. They built the church of St Helena.

When the Bishop of Exeter, many years ago, stepped ashore after a stormy crossing, he said: "Now I know what it is to go through purgatory to reach the kingdom of Heaven."

But Lundy has another charm. It is an island—dedicated to St. Andrew—dedicated to St. Andrew; continuous watch is kept during the autumn and summer migrations.

There also you will find strange species of life of the field. There is the trappid spider, whose real home is in South America. How he got to Lundy no one knows.

Lundy has an hotel. It needs modernising, but Harman was never keen on this. He told me: "Once you start in on seaside and Riviera ideas, Lundy will lose its charm—and that is the last thing I want."

The "king" himself lives in a house built by William Hudson in 1837, and since modernised. The Heaven

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## ARABS WANT CLOSER TIES WITH BRITAIN

By JAMES WICKENDEN

London. JUST back from the biggest postwar survey of the Middle East, British Foreign Under-Secretary Evelyn Shuckburgh is optimistic.

He thinks Britain may about-turn from her handover of the Suez base to fill the present vacuum in Middle East defence. And this would be at the invitation of the Arabs themselves.

In the six months since coming into being of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement, relations between the two countries have greatly improved, and Premier Nasser now wants the British back.

But Nasser cannot suggest returning the base, as its evacuation by Britain is a symbol of national independence in Egypt.

The big obstacle to a new Anglo-Egyptian military pact is the fictional anti-West Muslim League. Although Nasser has asked several Muslim League plotters recently in the face of shocked Muslims from Baghdad to Karachi, he still fears its power.

Jordan is also angling for greater British military commitments. Premier Tawfiq Abul Hudud wants Britain to convert her usual yearly £8,000,000 subsidy of the Arab Legion, headed by revered, tubby, Glubb Pasha, into a permanent and automatic payment.

### RUSH FOR TREATIES

To fix the deal he is in London with 19-year-old pro-British car-addict King Hussein and his Queen, both bored by their capital Amman's amenities and seeking the bright lights of Christmas-time Britain.

Tawfiq has little hope of persuading the British to change the mutual defence pact scheduled to run another nine years before revision unless he can put up a good case.

And so far he does not seem to know just what he wants from Britain apart from more money. But obviously he does not want Jordan left out of the present rush for new treaties with Britain, begun by Iraq and now whispered in Cairo and Teheran.

It is up to Britain, therefore, to take the initiative in the London meetings.

But, as with Egypt, the chief difficulty in talks is the sensitive internal situation in Jordan. Although pro-British, and willing to take advice, most Jordanians will not accept direction from London.

### EDEN'S AIM

Also, almost half the population of the country are refugees from the Israel-Arab war. In any attempt to frame a peace between Israel and Jordan, one of the first needs, from the British point of view, is for Jordan to resettle them.

A third problem is the strain on the crack Arab Legion's high morale and prestige in Jordan. Its forced inactivity in face of Israeli border attacks, such as last year's Qibya incident, when 53 Arabs were killed and 40 houses destroyed, is weakening confidence in its British officers. Amid this confused situation, Britain is anxious not to lose her still strong prestige in such a key area.

And since most of Jordan's 1½ million people are unemployed, war with Israel, Eden's aim in the New Year is likely to be the establishment of an Israeli-Arab peace. That is the first need for a new basis for Middle East defence sought both by Arabs and Britain.

## WELCOME (RESERVEDLY) TO 1955

By Simon Maynard

HOW does the world outlook seem for 1955?

It would be nice to say that it has never looked better since the war, that a long vista of peace lies ahead. But it would be no service to the cause of peace to say this.

We start off in 1955 with the knowledge that neither of the two rival camps of East and West can feel exactly pleased with the world outlook. In the East is the realisation that the West is steadily going ahead with rearmament with growing unity, and that 1954 saw the creation of a Balkans Pact, which was in its way the most effective, if not the most spectacular piece of statesmanship of the year.

This news could have added up to a vastly improved position for the Western Powers, but for two items on the debit side. Western Union has not proceeded as anything like the pace expected at the beginning of 1954, and the stresses and strains of German rearmament have revealed deep and in some cases permanent divisions of opinion in the West, which

the Russians will still be able to exploit in 1955.

Second is the gradual realisation by the West that superiority in atomic and hydrogen bombs is a very mixed blessing. By the end of 1954 independently-minded scientists had revealed what many politicians did not dare to say in public—that the development of horror weapons (and especially of the H-bomb) has now reached a pitch where superiority counts for little in the face of the universal race suicide which extensive use of these weapons would bring for both sides.

### Three Weaknesses

I expect during 1955 that the Russians will exploit to the utmost these weaknesses in the Western position. If they fail to make sensational moves to cash in on these "hidden dividends," I shall be much surprised.

This West must go some far thinking to defeat such Russian moves. But the important question at the moment is: have any of their statements done such thinking? There is no sign that their generals have, with the sole exception

of that gallant and far-sighted individual, General Ridgeway, who has had lengthy battles inside the Pentagon on the future strategy of the Western Powers.

Why did NATO HQ put out to newspaper correspondents semi-official conclusions about the probable shape of nuclear war on the eve of the French debate on ratification of the Western Union agreement?

It seemed an odd time to choose, and it had the immediate effect of making a Christmas present of an argument to the opponents of German rearmament. Presented with NATO's conclusions as to what the latest horror weapons can achieve, Jules Moch, inveterate antagonist of German rearmament, was able to argue—not altogether ineffectively—that there was no need for such rearmament, since any future war would be settled by horror bombs and not by personnel.

Therefore, he claimed, German rearmament, which was a risk anyhow, was unnecessary.

This is not the first time that NATO's "back-room" generals have behaved oddly, and there is still no indication that these generals are being controlled adequately by the politicians. Their latest revelations have

been absolute gift to the Bovarites.

If anything was guaranteed to provoke a new wave of "neutrality" or to build up a case for the defectors who say civil defence is useless, that NATO's spokesmen have provided it.

The case should have been stated by politicians who have the authority to say exactly what the logical implications of NATO's firepower are. For example, one NATO spokesman alleged that World War II would be all over in a matter of a few weeks, and that for some countries, such as Britain, the result would be decided within 30 hours.

### Damning Admission

There was also the damning admission that Britain's ability to survive more than a couple of H-bombs might depend on the way the wind was blowing at the time.

Now it is high time that the Western Powers stated a policy on all this. But this time to do so is surely after Western Union is a dead letter, and Western defence and rearmament is accepted by all.

There is no doubt at all that the possibility of world suicide must form the basis of any new talks with Russia, and there must obviously be some frank talking on both sides.

If the West can show Russia they are united on this question, and that nothing can break up the Western alliance, there could be agreement at least on atomic and hydrogen bomb disarmament in 1955.

But that would not mean that peace was any nearer. Indeed, we should run the risk of being back in the same position as at the end of World War II—with the Western countries outnumbered by the Russians and their satellites, plus Red China, in terms of manpower.

So you can be sure there will be no disarmament plan unless the Russians agree to an absolute and wide-light system of control. Nothing short of this could be accepted by the West.

The truth is that in 1955 the balance of power will be decided by Communist gains or losses in Europe, and Asia. Every gain by the Western alliance is a loss for the Communist bloc, and every loss by the Western alliance is a gain for the Communist bloc. The balance of power will be decided by the balance of power in Europe and Asia.

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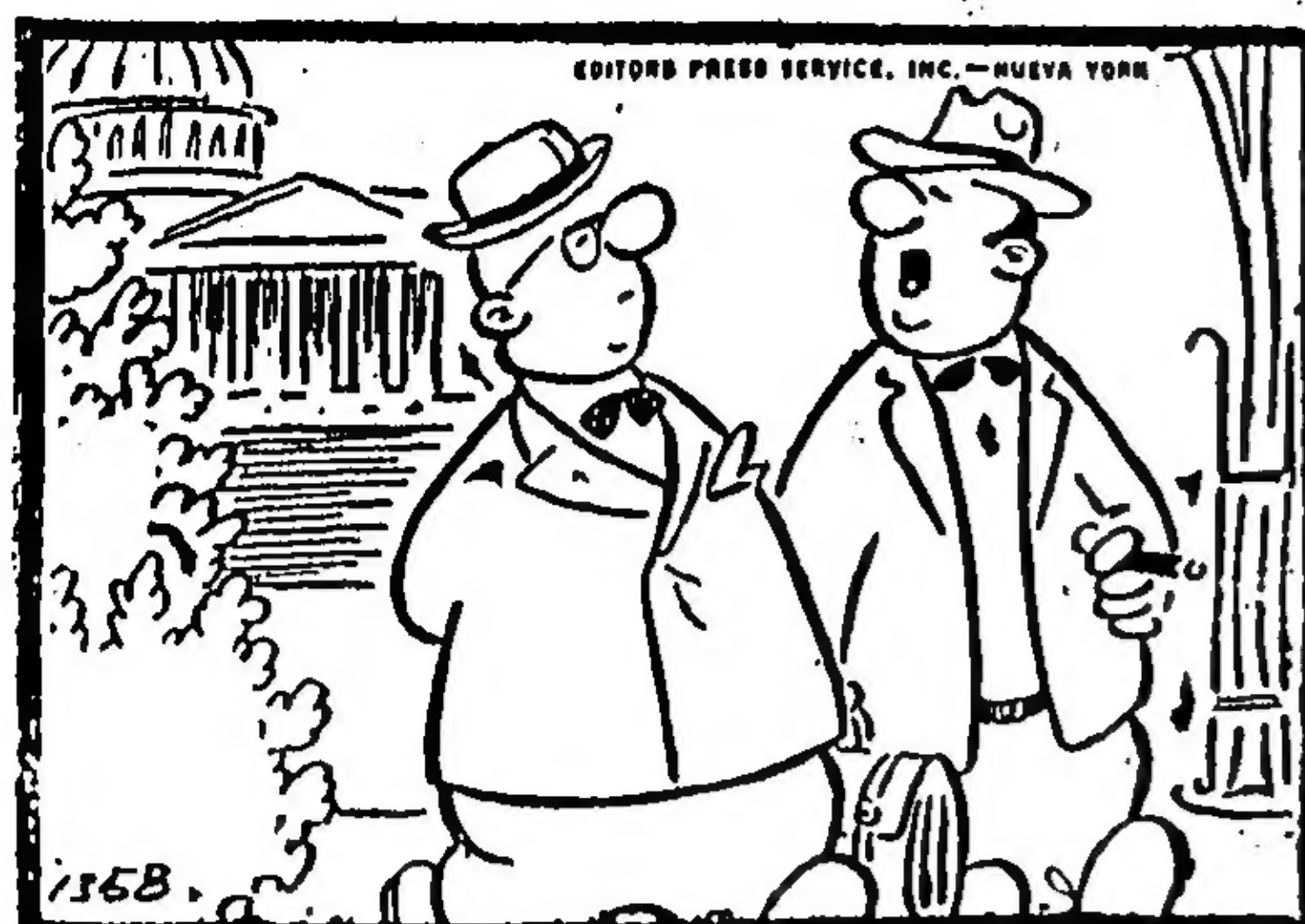
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## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

DR STRABISMUS (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has been severely criticised by Professor Plungert in the Nuclear Weekly.

The Professor writes: "Any nation which is striving towards the ideal of strength through fear will meet with disaster this tiny Q-bomb, incapable of cracking an egg. There are already indications that, encouraged by Strabismus, experts in biological warfare are experimenting with harmless germs that would not hurt a fly, and with a method by which wells would be only slightly poisoned. If this example of criminal folly were to spread, and the more civilised warfare of our unenlightened ancestors were to take the place of the streamlined efficiency of the twentieth century, we should only have the obscenity of a reactionary scientist of Wageningen Pervy to blame."

**Put your boy into politics**  
An article about methods of attracting the best type of man into politics is very timely. The type required is one who will promise never to have any principles which might interfere with his subservience to the Party whip; a fine, decent, upstanding fellow, with no nonsense of conscience or honour about him. And if those who elect him expect him to be more than a mere machine

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

BORN today, you have one of those quick minds which like to deal with new and interesting problems. You also have an inventive streak and it is possible that your fame and fortune could be made in the laboratory. In addition to this, your intuitions are more highly developed than most, and you are able to give an insight into people and their minds in a highly competitive world. This talent can be used to your distinct advantage.

At an early age, learn to select a profession and stick to it. Do not deviate from your original intent and you will reach exceptional success. You enjoy travel and will probably see a great deal of the earth's surface during your lifetime. If not during the early years, it may come when you have made your "pile," have retired, and are not doing some of the things you have missed. You are so energetic that you will bring you joy and happiness to be active.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Perhaps a friend can be of invaluable help to you just now. Don't hesitate to accept it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Possibly someone who has been famous ahead of you, will give you a "boost-up" for old-time sake!

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—It is possible that you may be disappointed in a plan you made. Be ready to make a quick change.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Some hidden talent may come to light today and be of great value to your bid for promotion or a salary raise.

**Taurus** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Give a thought to someone you love. Perhaps there is an anniversary that you should remember.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—You may be able to increase your income by a sag—perhaps take full advantage of an offer made you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22)—It may be that someone from your past will come back into your life to bring you joy and happiness.

**L. E. O.** (July 23-Aug. 22)—You may be the recipient of a surprise gift which can bring you a great deal of pleasure in the future.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Be alert to even the smallest chance for advancement today. The opportunity could make your future.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Don't attempt to solve your own legal problems. Get expert advice to solve trouble in the legal range.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—This could be a good, long evening for a good book. Pray and relax tensions in order.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A new idea may burst upon you.

## DUMB-BELLS

REMEMBER! THE PATIENT MUST BE KEPT IN GOOD SPIRITS.

BUT DOCTOR HE DOESN'T DRINK.

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Take An Expert To Explain This Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand was very difficult to play accurately, and it's likewise difficult to explain. The contract depended on accurate timing, and in order to see this it is also necessary to see how a different line of play would lead to defeat. Let's begin with the right play.

West opened the ace of hearts and then switched to a low diamond. Declarer won in dummy with the king of diamonds and looked for a way to ruff out his two remaining hearts, set up a club trick, cash a club, and draw trumps. After some thought he returned the king of clubs from the dummy.

West won with the ace of clubs and returned another diamond. Declarer won in dummy with the ace of diamonds and carefully cashed the queen of clubs before embarking on his crossruff. Now he ruffed a club in his hand, ruffed a heart in dummy, ruffed another club in his hand, and ruffed his last heart in dummy. The rest was just a matter of conceding the ace of trumps and claiming his doubled game contract.

The general principle is to establish and cash as many tricks as possible in the side suits before you begin a crossruff. If you fail to do this, an opponent may discard during the cross-

NORTH 13			
♠ 8 7 5			
♥ A K 8 7 3			
♦ A K Q 4			
WEST (D)			
♠ None	♥ A 4 3 2		
♦ A 8 4 2	♣ K Q J 10 5		
♣ Q J 9 4	♠ 10 5		
♦ A J 9 5 2	♣ 10 0		
SOUTH			
♠ K Q J 10 9 8			
♥ 7 6 3			
♦ 6 2			
♣ 7 3			
Both sides vul.			
West North East South			
1 ♠ 1 ♠			
2 ♥ 2 ♥			
Pass Pass			
Pass Pass			
Opening lead—♥ A			

ruff, and then you may never be able to get some of your tricks in the side suits.

For example, South would have lost his contract if he had begun by cashing the top diamonds and ruffing a diamond instead of developing his club trick. On the third round of diamonds East would gladly discard a club. This would prevent South from developing a club trick.

After beginning in this inaccurate way, South couldn't lead a club without allowing West to take the ace of clubs and give his partner a club ruff. If South tried to draw trumps first, East could take the ace of trumps and lead a club himself. Other defenses might work equally well, but at least there would be this way to defeat the contract.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1 Diamond Pass 1 Spade Pass  
2 Clubs Pass  
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-9-7-3, Hearts 8-2, Diamonds J-9-6-2, Clubs 5-4. What do you do?

A—Bid two diamonds. You hate to speak a second time with so poor a hand, but you must show that you prefer diamonds since you have four diamonds and only two clubs.

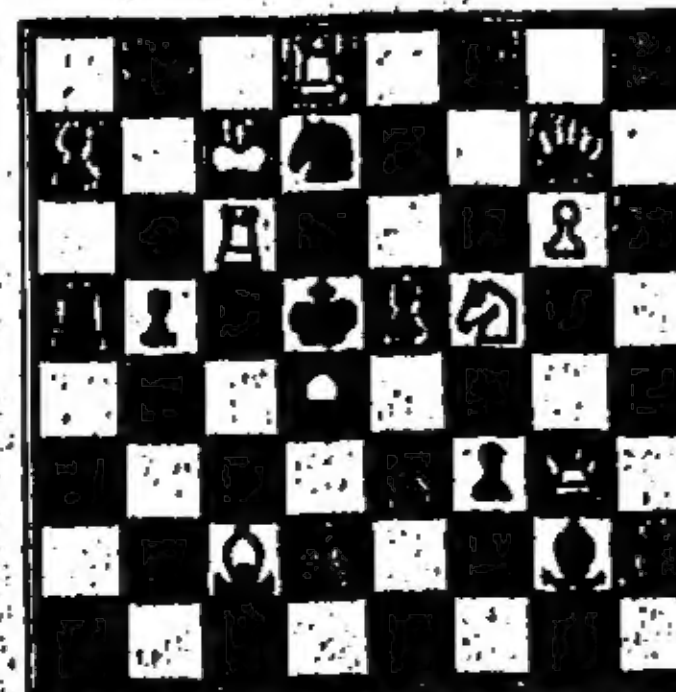
**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-9-7-3, Hearts 8-2, Diamonds K-9-6, Clubs J-5-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## CHESS PROBLEM

By L. LARSEN

Black, 12 pieces.



White, 4 pieces.  
Write or play: made in three.  
Solutions to yesterday's problems:  
1. Q—K5, any; 2. Q, R, or B  
1. K5, 2. K5, 3. K5, 4. K5, 5. K5, 6. K5, 7. K5, 8. K5, 9. K5, 10. K5, 11. K5, 12. K5, 13. K5, 14. K5, 15. K5, 16. K5, 17. K5, 18. K5, 19. K5, 20. K5, 21. K5, 22. K5, 23. K5, 24. K5, 25. K5, 26. K5, 27. K5, 28. K5, 29. K5, 30. K5, 31. K5, 32. K5, 33. K5, 34. K5, 35. K5, 36. K5, 37. K5, 38. K5, 39. K5, 40. K5, 41. K5, 42. K5, 43. K5, 44. K5, 45. K5, 46. K5, 47. K5, 48. K5, 49. K5, 50. K5, 51. K5, 52. K5, 53. K5, 54. K5, 55. K5, 56. K5, 57. K5, 58. K5, 59. K5, 60. K5, 61. K5, 62. K5, 63. K5, 64. K5, 65. K5, 66. K5, 67. K5, 68. K5, 69. K5, 70. K5, 71. K5, 72. K5, 73. K5, 74. K5, 75. K5, 76. K5, 77. K5, 78. K5, 79. K5, 80. K5, 81. K5, 82. K5, 83. K5, 84. K5, 85. K5, 86. K5, 87. K5, 88. K5, 89. K5, 90. K5, 91. K5, 92. K5, 93. K5, 94. K5, 95. K5, 96. K5, 97. K5, 98. K5, 99. K5, 100. K5, 101. K5, 102. K5, 103. K5, 104. K5, 105. K5, 106. K5, 107. K5, 108. K5, 109. K5, 110. K5, 111. K5, 112. K5, 113. K5, 114. K5, 115. K5, 116. K5, 117. K5, 118. K5, 119. K5, 120. K5, 121. K5, 122. K5, 123. 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# SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Edited By Sam Leitch)

Goalkeeper-grocer Ted Ditchburn, a solid 'Spurs man since he joined the club in 1938, has asked for a transfer—just six weeks after he asked manager Arthur Rowe: "Drop me from the League side. I need a rest."

Watch the rush for Ted, uham and Middlesbrough have been interested ever since Ditchburn, having had his requested rest, failed to regain his League place from Ron Reynolds.

Favouring Fulham is the fact that Ditchburn's family grocery business is in London, near the Tottenham ground.

At the beginning of this month Mr. Rowe said: "We could have sold Ted many times during the past few days and for a hefty fee. But we are not disposed to part."

Thirty-three-year-old Ditchburn set up a League record in March by playing his 247th consecutive League game. Since the day he joined 'Spurs up to him "Drop me" request he had missed only seven matches—all through injury.

Off the transfer list at his own request comes Ipswich Town

inside-left T. N. Brown. T. N. has his League place back and looks like holding on to it.

## COVENTRY BUY

Coventry City have parted with £11,000 of the £15,000 they received for Gordon Nutt when they signed Alan Moore. Nottingham Forest right winger, Moore was NOT one of the five players paraded "For Sale" by Forest chief Billy Walker recently. He is the former Chesterfield and Hull winger who was eagerly watched by Aston Villa at the start of the season.

Moore joins in Forest playing goals at Coventry in Colin Gillingham and Tommy Capel. Eighteen days ago Coventry and Cardiff City agreed in the

£15,000 terms for right winger Nutt.

Despite frequent known

watches on their international defender Harry Haddock, Clyde manager Pat Travers says: "No English club has yet made a firm offer for Harry."

Which would suggest that Harry, currently rated by the Scots as the best left back in Britain might be allowed to go to England if the price suited Clyde.

Sheffield Wednesday and Aston Villa fancy Haddock who put in two splendid televisual outings recently against Sunderland and Hungary.

Clyde might do business with any English club over centre-forward Jack Buchanan, but the price must not come lower than £12,000. Buchanan has asked for a move.

## BAD NEWS FOR HULL

Aston Villa directors called in 20-year-old English international Tommy Thompson to their board meeting on December 22 and asked him: "Why do you want to leave Villa?"

Inside-left Thompson gave his views and was then told: "Your transfer request cannot be granted." Bad news for Hull City, that.

Swift-tackling right back Jimmy Campbell, of Charlton, thinks that third round cup clash with Rochdale is a good omen.

Why? In 1947 Jimmy made his Charlton debut, against Rochdale in the third round, and that year Charlton won the Cup.

PROBLEM SOLVED

Ralph Curlew, Leeds United manager, emphasised that Welsh international John Charles is to stay at centre-half in the Leeds side.

He told shareholders: "We had a problem last season with Big John playing centre-forward and scoring so many goals while the opposition got too many chances of scoring. This season it arose again, and we had to do something about it."

"Since we got over our bad start we have had more solid and consistent displays with Charles at centre-half. The players have modified themselves into the defensive scheme. We might upset it by bringing our centre-half to centre-forward, and I think it would be a mistake."

Replying to a shareholder who said Leeds fans want more attractive football, Mr. Curlew said that so long as the team now at the top of the Second Division, goes on winning by the odd goal, he will be content.

Mr. Stanley Blenkinsop, a director, said that with a winning team Leeds ought to have a winning crowd to follow them.

—(London Express Service).

## Dacca Test Likely To End In A Draw

Dacca, Jan. 3.

With one day to play Pakistan, 257 and 97 for one, are 206 runs ahead of India, 148, in the Test cricket match here and will need a timely declaration tomorrow if they are to give their bowlers a chance to dismiss India again.

Pakistan's bowlers were certainly on top this morning when they got rid of five outstanding wickets for the addition of only 33 runs to the overnight score of 115 for five.

Medium-fast Mahmood Hussain claimed three wickets this morning to give him innings figures of six for 67, and pace bowler Khan Mohammad got the two others for figures of four for 42.

Pakistan had a few minutes' batting before lunch, after which the scoring rate became very slow. Accurate bowling and good fielding was a primary cause. Neither Allmuddin nor Wazir Hassan after Hanif Mohammad had been dismissed at 24, was inclined to take a chance.

The capacity crowd of 40,000 clamoured for runs but the batsmen continued steadily and the pace was still together at the close when the second innings was in progress.

The first class matches although

H.K. Chinese v Combined Services, Kowloon Chinese v Non-Chinese Villagers.

Tickets for the floodlit soccer match between an SCGA stadium and the Club stadium, which takes place tomorrow, will be on sale today in the "Land" and "City" Birminghams will play before the match and during the interval.

# McCARTHY IS TOLD: YOU FIGHT KELLY FOR THE TITLE

By SYDNEY HULLS

Sammy McCarthy, 23-year-old fighting son of a Stepney greengrocer, defends his British featherweight title against Empire Champion "Spider" Billy Kelly, of Derry, in Belfast on January 22.

Crash go the hopes of London promoter Stan Baker of staging McCarthy in a fight with Frenchman Andre Yousfi at Streatham on January 11.

Smashed are the plans of manager Jack King, who wanted to give Champion McCarthy this vital warm-up fight before he defended his title.

Dashing Belfast organiser Bob Gardner is the only man to come out of this dispute with brow unfurrowed, bowed shoulders springing back as the worry-load is released.

For Gardner has the fight on his night. "It would have cost me £1,000 if the Board had decided to postpone my date," he said.

"The fight is three-quarters sold out and I cannot get the

hall again until February 20, which is long after the final date the Board have set for the contest."

But Gardner must have had some nerve-racking moments before the favourable decision came his way.

TANGLED DATES

For two and a half hours a special emergency committee of boxing Board stewards wrangled over this problem of tangled dates.

The Board had accepted Gardner's purse-offer and date for the McCarthy-Kelly championship fight.

Then promoter Baker announced that four days previously he had signed McCarthy to fight at Streatham on January 11.

It was impossible under the Board's rules for McCarthy to fulfil both commitments. A boxer must not fight for 28 days before a title contest. There were only 11.

Baker insisted his contract had prior claim as it was signed earlier. McCarthy's manager appealed for a postponement of the Championship.

Gardner pleaded for the Board to uphold their own decision. Finally at the emergency meeting Baker agreed to postpone his contract until after McCarthy had fought Kelly. So the problem was solved.

Baker hopes to get some consolation. When McCarthy defends his British title, Kelly also puts his Empire Championship at stake.

Said Baker: "I hope to put McCarthy on at Streatham sometime in February. By then I hope Sammy will be British and Empire Featherweight Champion."

FOUR MONTHS

Johnny Sullivan, of Preston, has to defend his British and Empire middleweight titles against Pat McAteer, of Birkenhead before next April's out.

That gives Sullivan four months to fit his fights in Rhodesia, America and possibly a European title bout.

Says Dingley: "I have been negotiating for an American trip ever since Sullivan won his titles. Now I'm trying to hurry things up."

Johannesburg promoter Reg Hoswell is coming to Britain. He wants Sullivan to fight Springfield Jimmy Elliott in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

In addition it is almost certain Sullivan will be named leading challenger for Frenchman Charles Humez's European title. It has already been suggested that that fight will be at Earls Court, London, on March 8.

—(London Express Service).

## FANLING GOLF

# Junior Championship Semi-Finals To Be Played On Sunday

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club Junior Championship match play stage reached the last four after Sunday's games, and the semi-finals will be played off this Sunday, the first match between K. U. Dzong and W. C. Falconer commencing at 9.16 a.m., and that between R. P. Moodie and G. J. Mary at 9.20 a.m.

The First and Second Round matches last Sunday were played under favourable weather conditions and the following are the results:

First Round

R. R. Coombs lost to K. U. Dzong — 3/2; S. Allen beat W. H. Paterson — 1 up; W. C. Falconer beat W. P. Birtwhistle — 2/1; J. T. H. Ni lost to John Wal — 5/4; J. O. Pote-Hunt lost to F. C. B. Black — 3/2; R. P. Moodie beat W. Stoker — 3/1; R. Pan lost to G. J. Mary — 2/1; R. Main lost to F. de Jong — 4/3.

Second Round

K. U. Dzong beat S. Allen — 1 up; W. C. Falconer beat John Wal — 3/2; F. C. B. Black lost to R. P. Moodie — 4/3; G. J. Mary beat F. de Jong — 3/1.

VICTORY CUP

The Final of the Victory Cup competition was played over the Old Course at Fanling last week between Lowe, Bingham & Matthews (Messrs D. S. Robb & K. A. Miller) and Pan American Airways (Messrs E. M. Wilesey & W. van Alst) the first named pair being victorious by three up and two to play.

Lowe, Bingham & Matthews beat Imperial Chemical Industries 2/1 in the First Round, Cable & Wireless 1 up in the Second, R. A. F. 3/2 in the third round and the Marine Department, 5/3 in the Semi-final.

In their journey to the Final, the losers had beaten Jardine, Matheson, 8/5 in the First round, Talkoo Dockyard, 2/1 in the Second, R. A. M. C., 5/4 in the Third round and the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock, 2 up in the Semi-final.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews have now appeared in the Victory Cup Final for four successive years, winning the trophy in 1951 & 1954 and being runners-up in 1952 and 1953.

MIXED FOURSOMES

Following are the results of matches played in the First Round of the Fanling Mixed Foursomes:

Mr/Mrs R. P. Moodie beat Mr/Mrs P. H. Taggart — 2 up.

Mr/Mrs J. R. Collis lost to Dr/Mrs Dawson-Grove — on the 19th hole.

Mr/Mrs J. F. Shoemaker lost to Mr/Mrs W. P. Birtwhistle — 5/3.

Mr/Mrs W. N. Gray beat Mr/Mrs R. N. Lindeman.

Mr/Mrs J. J. Basto lost to Mr/Mrs F. D. Hunter.

Mr/Mrs John Wal beat Mr/Mrs D. L. Anderson — 2/1.

Mr/Mrs D. S. Robb beat Mr/Mrs T. A. Parce — 3/2.

Mr/Mrs L. C. Hawkins lost to Mr/Mrs P. A. Laroche — 2 down.

Mrs J. R. Leitch/W. D. Leighton beat Mr/Mrs L. Goldman — 3/2.

Dr/Mrs J. B. Mackie beat Mrs J. Brown/Dr J. Gray.

Mr/Mrs H. R. Cleland lost to Mr & Mrs A. N. White — 4/3.

Mr/Mrs A. L. Esso lost to Mr/Mrs W. W. Brooks.

Mr/Mrs R. W. E. Heath beat Miss Swallow/R. Fickins.

Matches in the Second round should be played on or before January 22.

WAZIR AND RESULTS

R. W. Wazir was the fastest bowler for the "Land" Club in the first class match against the "City" Birminghams which took place at the "Land" Club on Sunday.

second place with 87-13=net 74.

J. R. Leitch was the winner of the Qualifier played over the new course with a return of 78-11=net 67. Scores of net 71 being returned by R. R. Davies, W. A. Johnson, J. K. Nicholas, J. E. Richardson, J. K. Watson and J. B. Wilson.

The week-end Hoge competition was won by W. N. Gray with a score of All Square, Major P. V. Huyshe being runner-up with two down.

Holmes and Captain M. W. Jenkins sharing third place with three down.

LITTER

The Committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club would appreciate the co-operation of members in keeping the Courses free from litter. It will be understood that it is not practicable to provide waste paper receptacles at all Foci and Greenkeepers neither is it possible to engage a sufficient number of men to keep the Fairways free from waste paper and other debris at all times. It is realised that much of the litter is not left by members; but some wrappers and cigarette packets are thrown away whilst a packet is being played and players are asked to assist in preserving the natural beauty of the Courses.

Matches and cigarettes have been found on Greens and several small fires have been reported on Fairways. These have been caused by the throwing away of lighted cigarettes and extinguished by players following.

The importance of taking every precaution against fire cannot be too strongly stressed in view of the present dry state of vegetation on the Courses.

LADIES' FOURSOMES

The draw for the Ladies Foursomes Competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was made yesterday and the following are the First Round pairings and the byes.

The First Round matches are to be completed on or before January 20 at Fanling, and dates for subsequent round matches will be notified in the usual manner later.

First Round:

Mrs Campbell and Mrs Sleep v Mrs Hunter and Mrs Leitch.

Mrs A. M. Brown and Mrs Wadkin v Mrs Hayes and Mrs Mackie.

Mrs Coombs and Mrs Hurd v Mrs Shoemaker and Mrs Lindeman.

Byes:

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Mirams v Mrs Pearce and Mrs Clague.

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Pittin v Mrs Kile and Mrs Bidwell.

Mrs Stokes and Mrs Gray v Mrs Coleman and Mrs Reeves.

Mrs N. A. Brown and Mrs Littlejohn v Mrs Coombs/Hurd.

Mrs v Shoemaker/Lindeman.

Mrs Birtwhistle and Mrs Orr v Mrs Gordon and Mrs Brooks.

Mrs Anderson and Mrs Leitch v Mrs Van der Touw and Mrs McCann.

Mrs Dawson-Grove and Mrs Goldman v Mrs Mackie and Mrs Blitt.

Referees' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees Association will take place on Friday, Jan. 7, at 7.30 p.m. in the hall of the Old Club.

WAZIR AND RESULTS

R. W. Wazir was the fastest bowler for the "Land" Club in the first class match against the "City" Birminghams which took place at the "Land" Club on Sunday.

# HKFA COUNCIL IS CRITICISED AT STORMY SESSION

An allegation that the Hongkong Football Association Council was weak and was not doing justice to the affiliated clubs in the League was made by Mr Pat George during a stormy session of the Hongkong Football Association Council at the Association's office, Sports Road, yesterday.

Mr George made this statement after he had informed the meeting that the St. Joseph's Football Club had received no reply from South China regarding the question of complimentary tickets issued by South China for League matches played at Caroline Hill.

Mr George requested that a letter be sent to the South China Association from the HKFA asking them to reply to the Secretary of the St. Joseph's Football Club.

The Association received a letter from the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation stating that in any match played at Caroline Hill and in which Kitchee, South China or KMB participated, the team would get 30 complimentary tickets, as well as the opposing team Council members however stated that this was the first time they had ever heard of this. Another letter is to be sent to the SCAA requesting further information.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

It was brought to the notice of the meeting that a confidential report by Coach Tom Sneddon on the players in training under him, had been published in a local vernacular paper. It had been specifically stated that pressmen were not to print what was in the report.

representative of the paper at the meeting yesterday stated that the report had been sent in by an unknown person.

Mr J. A. Kearney stated that one of the council members had "leaked" the information to the Press.

It was suggested that in future any such confidential report be circulated to the Inter-Sub-Committee and the copy be taken back immediately after the meeting.

Another article published in the same paper was also read out to the meeting. This concerned the arrival of the Grasshoppers soccer team, some points of which the Association had asked the Press not to publish till a later date. The rest of the article was written with the intent of giving Mr Omar, the F.A. Secretary, a bad name.

The paper's representative announced that he had already apologised to Mr Omar both in words and in print, but Mr L. Hides stated that the damage had already been done. He requested the paper's representative not to permit the man who had covered the previous meeting to attend another Inter-Sub meeting.

A letter has been received from FIFT in reply to an earlier letter from the FA asking for the rule on the substitution of injured players during matches. The rule states that the goalkeeper may be replaced at any time during the match and one player up to half time.

POOR HANDLING

A report from Mr Leslie Channing on the poor handling of the South China-Kitchee game was brought to the attention of the meeting. Major Walker, Chairman of the Referees' Association, stated that this particular referee would be re-tested. In the meeting he would not referee any first class matches although

he would be permitted to do the line.

A proposal by Mr Loo Tsun-huen that a three-man financial committee be selected to look after affairs of the Association was adopted. Those elected were Mr Loo Tsun-huen, Mr A. M. Chan and Mr A. Mullen.

A letter has been received from the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation stating that the Executive Committee had approved returning the sum of \$5,000.00 to the Cathay Race Club.

Mr Airways, which was the sum involved when the PAAF cancelled the Hongkong-Manila Schoolboy's soccer Inter-Sub.

A letter from Mr Wolfe Lyberg stating that the Association had appointed him to investigate the possibilities of a European Tour, was read out to the meeting. He suggested that the tour get underway by July 15 as the soccer season in Europe is dead until about August. He said the total cost would amount to U.S.\$15,000 for 20 or 22 persons. He mapped out Stockholm, Helsingborg, Copenhagen, Koge, Odense, Hamburg, London, Paris, Madrid, Nice, Zurich, Linz, Vienna and Rome as a likely route.

The Secretary of the Association was however asked to write to Mr Lyberg and inform him that the tour was not yet definite, and to ask for further details.

Four Council members were appointed to deal with the distribution of funds to Chinese Charity before the Chinese New Year. They were Mr K. K. Ip, Mr Mok Hing, Mr Loo Tsun-huen and Mr C. K. Woo.

The CAAF is to write to the Association explaining why certain players failed to run up for the CAAF team against the HKFA selection in the recent Governor's Cup match.

## SHIELD DRAW

The following is the draw for the semi-finals of the Challenge soccer shields on February 12 and 13.

Senior

Club or CAA v St. Joseph's or Army.

KMB or South China v Eastern or Kitchee.

Junior

Eastern or Roadwork v Little Sai Wan or Army.

South China or Sing Tao v Kitchee or KMB.

The draw for the first round of the Memorial Cup, which takes place on February 20 is as follows:

H.K. Chinese v Combined Services, Kowloon Chinese v Non-Chinese Villagers.

Tickets for the floodlit soccer match between an SCGA stadium and the Club stadium, which takes place tomorrow, will be on sale today in the "Land" and "City" Birminghams will play before the match and during the interval.

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# Rubber Market Buoyant Through Statistical Position

London, Jan. 3.

The Financial Times today maintained that the present buoyancy of the rubber market is due primarily to a strong statistical position.

"The world output of natural rubber in 1954 is expected to exceed consumption by only 35,000 tons, a surplus which is believed to have been entirely absorbed in the United Kingdom and United States stockpiles," this newspaper pointed out.

"The market has been sensitive to small changes in the balance of supply and demand. This is scarcely a matter for surprise.

## DEPLETED STOCKS

"The dock strike demonstrated how far consumers had allowed their stocks to be depleted.

"The high output of vehicles in Europe and the strong recovery of the U.S. motor industry not only means increased consumption but it has also meant a need to build up working stocks.

"In fact rubber may to some extent be artificially supported just now in the same way as it was artificially depressed at the beginning of the year.

"Despite this favourable market situation, however, it is probable that the price rise has gone far enough.

"One contributory reason for the current market strength lies in the progress made in selling U.S. synthetic rubber plants to

private enterprise and a consequent feeling among American consumers that they may have to pay higher prices for synthetic and to face some uncertainty about the continuity of supplies.

"It would be ironic if a runaway price inflation in natural rubber gave a flying start to the commercial production of its formidable rival," the Financial Times concluded.—Reuter.

Vienna, Jan. 3.

Budapest Radio announced tonight that Mr. Ferenc Hecceg had been transferred from his post as First Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Bureau to become First Deputy Minister of the Machine and Foundries Industry.

Mr. Hecceg's former post will be filled by Mr. Istvan Kossa, who was chairman of the National Labour Board.—Reuter.

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# Britain Invests In India

Bombay, Jan. 2.

British investors are understood to have taken out shares worth 10,000,000 rupees (£768,230) in India's new Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation, formed to assist the growth of private industry in India.

This is double the value taken out by United States investors, a total capital of 50,000,000 rupees is to be issued, while the World Bank is to make a \$10,000,000 loan and the Indian Government is to credit the corporation with 75,000,000 rupees.

The first directors of the Corporation will be Mr. J. G. Beevor, Managing Director of the Commonwealth Finance Company Ltd., W. R. Cockburn, of the Chartered Bank of America, together with five of the leading Indian industrialists and a nominee of the Indian Government.—China Mail Special.

# Alleged Aggressive Alliance

London, Jan. 3.

The New China news agency alleged today that Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs-of-staff, in his recent three-day Fermois visit had advocated the forming of a Northeast Asian aggressive alliance by Japan, South Korea and Nationalist China.

The agency said that Admiral Radford had also discussed with Chinese Nationalist military leaders "direct occupation of China's coastal islands and the equipping of three extra divisions of Chiang Kai-shek's troops by the United States."

Admiral Radford had "advocated the forming of a Northeast Asia aggressive military alliance by Chiang Kai-shek's group in Taiwan, the Syngman Rhee clique of South Korea and Japan," the agency said.—Reuter.

# Yugoslav Legal Profession Under Attack

Belgrade, Jan. 3.

The legal profession is under attack by Yugoslav Communists for being a refuge of reactionaries and hostile elements.

Lawyers, like domestic servants, belong to one of the few occupations in Yugoslavia which continue to function on a private basis very much as they did in prewar capitalist days, remaining outside direct Communist influence.

But lawyers are needed as much as ever. Socialist business enterprises engage in legal actions in the same way as capitalist firms.

The first Congress of Yugoslav lawyers was held in Belgrade this autumn.

## PRIVATE PROFESSION

At it, Dr. Josip Hrnecic, President of the Federal Supreme Court and member of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist party, complained that the legal profession was "still a private profession of the old type, and the lawyer is still the exponent and mouthpiece of private ownership and its tendencies."

He added that economic institutions started "tens of thousands" of legal actions with advisers who did not possess adequate legal knowledge.

Dr. Hrnecic urged that the legal profession should be put under some sort of control. It would be best, he said, to establish a management body, composed of representatives of lawyers, of lawyers' apprentices, of trade unions, and perhaps of other public bodies.

Dr. Arsen Grupcevic, President of the Supreme Court of Macedonia, said that too many people regarded a law court "as some kind of neutral institution, which does not take into account newly created social conditions."

The annual meeting of the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce, a body often criticised for being under reactionary in-

## MARKIST VIEWS

During the same speech, he said: "In our country a Judge must be a man adhering to the Marxist view of life. He must be a man devoted to his socialist community, a man well acquainted with the law who knows how to apply it correctly."

In Mr. Rankovic's view, the majority of Judges were men of this type. But, as he told the Lawyers' Congress, too many lawyers are occupying easy jobs as legal consultants in towns instead of going out into the countryside and gaining experience.

One indication of the attitude of lawyers here is that Counsel could usually be found to represent a client in a case against the Government or the authorities without anyone having to be nominated by the court.

Sometimes these Counsel win their case. For example, an action was reported here recently in which a private householder succeeded in a claim for possession of her house, which had been requisitioned for the security police.

In lawsuits of a more political nature, it is less easy to find a lawyer willing to represent the defendant. For instance, several lawyers were approached in vain last summer on behalf of the Serb Orthodox Metropolitan, Arsenije of Montenegro, but two Montenegrin lawyers practising in Belgrade accepted the brief in the end.

## CONSPIRACY

Arsenije received a sentence of eleven and a half years, later reduced to five and a half years, for conspiring to overthrow the state.

Two Adventist priests in Macedonia, sentenced to five years and two years imprisonment respectively last autumn for "hostile activities," were also defended by a Belgrade lawyer who after the war helped in the defence of the Catholic National leader, Draza Mihajlovic, on charges of collaboration. Mihajlovic was executed.—China Mail Special.

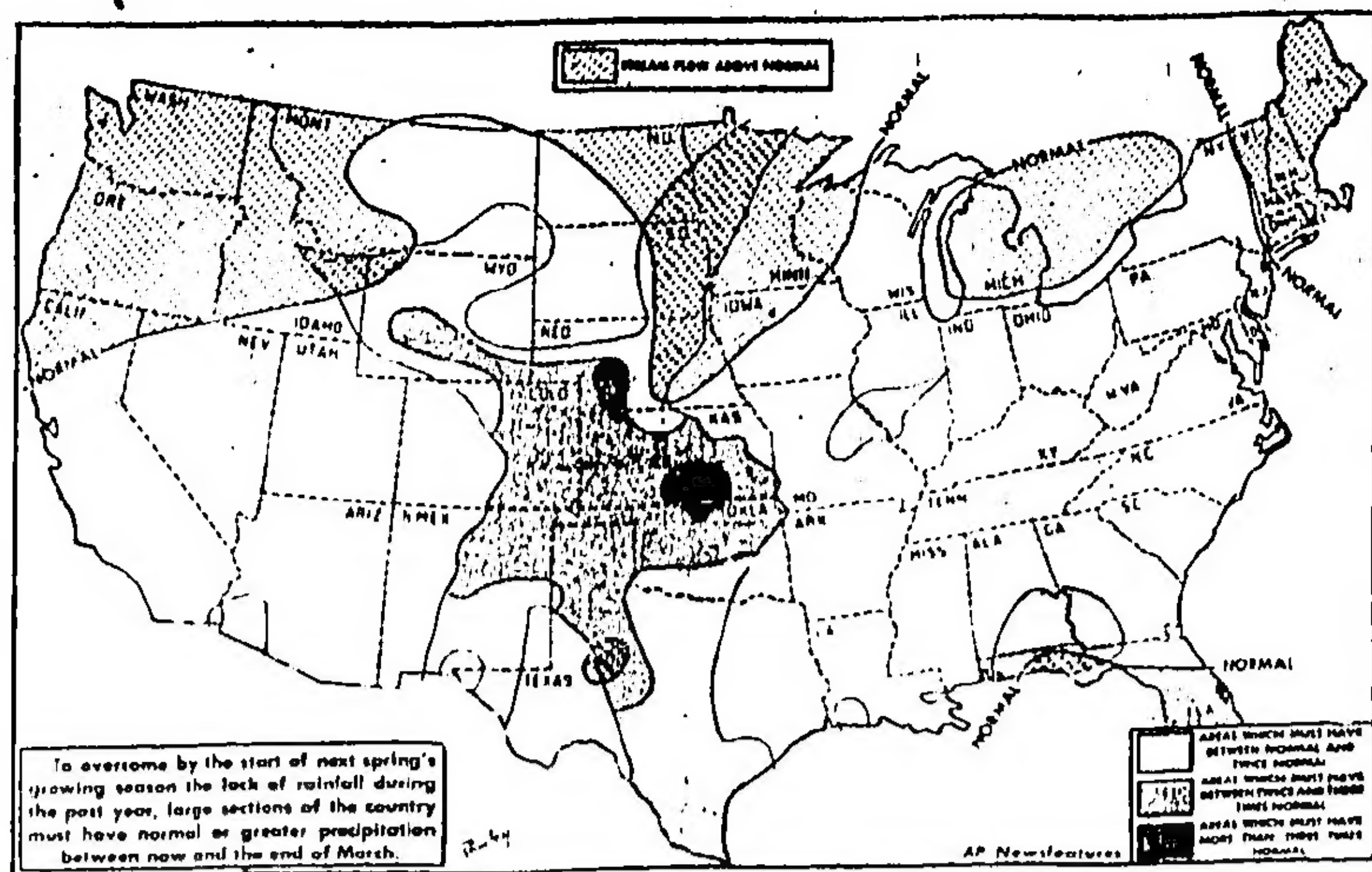
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## Heavy Rains Badly Needed In Middle U.S.

By HERMAN R. ALLEN  
Associated Press Newsfeatures Writer

For two years now, the rustle of drought-parched corn and stunted grass and the bawling of thirsty cattle have echoed louder across an ever spreading slice in central, southern and western sections of the United States.

Days and weeks without rain. Wells going dry. Streams and ponds evaporating. Precipitation deficiencies have been building up until a vast area fanning out from western Texas finds it will have to have nothing less than 100 per cent normal precipitation from now until the start of next spring's planting season to overcome the 1954 shortage let alone the carryover deficiency from last year.

Within this area outlined on the accompanying map are the shortages that will have to get at least twice the normal December-March precipitation to regain 1954 losses.

And some smaller areas must have three times the normal amount.

Naturally, it's hoped too much that the entire rain-short area will get normal precipitation right straight through until spring. And it's quite unlikely that very many places will get twice or three times the normal. What's more, they probably would simply be trading one disaster for another if they did—floods in the Rio Grande Valley and Pecos River basin this past year testified.

Nevertheless, the parched soil and natural subterranean reservoirs of the area could take up a lot of water. Streamflow—a good indicator of ground water supply—is far below normal over most of the drought belt. Test wells in some places are at the lowest level on record.

Some areas not indicated on the map were seriously struck by drought during 1954, even though their needs would be taken care of if they get rainfall in amounts less than normal for the December-March period. In many cases, however, that's a pretty big if.

On the other hand, a few parts of the Southwest drought area are not too badly off even though they will require fully normal precipitation to catch up. If normal is only two inches or so a year, a one-inch shortage may not cause too big a problem.

An index of the extent of the drought's toll is provided in the list of states—18 of them—which have been declared eligible in whole or in part for federal disaster relief.

Farmers in all counties of Oklahoma and South Carolina have been declared eligible for assistance in the purchase of seed and livestock feed. The breakdown in the other 16 states:

Alabama, 58 out of 67 counties; Arkansas 69 of 75; Colorado 22 of 63; Georgia 124 of 159; Kansas 4 of 105; Louisiana 28 of 64; Mississippi 58 of 82; Missouri 82 of 114; Nevada 13 of 17; New Mexico 24 of 31; North Carolina 39 of 100; Tennessee 88 of 95; Texas 119 of 254; Utah 6 of 29; Virginia 29 of 100; Wyoming 19 of 24.

## Guests Were Served With Pearls

Ten green vases, each filled with 10,000 pearls, set in a Japanese Buddhist shrine, and glistening pearl necklaces round the necks of thousands of women all over the world are the monuments of a Japanese who in the first years of his life earned a few cents a day, but died one of the wealthiest men of his country.

Kokichi Mikimoto, who died last September at the age of 96, created a new industry—cultivated pearls—in Japan. Known as the "Pearl King," he was the first man to discover how to mass produce a jewel once so rare that it was called "the tears of the Moon."

Born of parents too poor to give him any education, Mikimoto in his early years scraped a meagre living as a "barrow boy" selling noodles and vegetables, lobsters and other sea foods, and in the cold winter months hawking hot sweet potatoes.

At the age of 12, he told his parents that his ambition was to become the third richest man in the little native town of Toba, centre of a pearling district in western Japan. He had always shown an insatiable curiosity about his home town's main industry. For years, he puzzled that there must be some way to speed up and control nature's way of producing a pearl: a grain of sand or other foreign matter lodged in an oyster.

He abandoned his barrow and at Ago Bay, near Toba, busily collected oysters, prised open their shells and inserted a grain of sand or a shaving of mother-of-pearl.

For nearly three years, during which he lost almost his entire stock of oysters after an invasion of red plankton—an oyster-killing pest, he failed to produce a single pearl. Debts mounted, and neighbors began to call him the "Pearl Maniac."

Then, one day in the summer of 1893, after opening thousands of oyster shells, as usual containing no pearl, he opened one and discovered a semi-circular pearl. It was not perfect because it was not completely round, but it was valuable, and the first sign of success.

He placed the pearl, with four more he found later, on his family altar, gave thanks to the gods, and applied for a patent for his process.

To get the best possible conditions, protected from sudden winds and tides and hostile intruders, he moved to an uninhabited island off Toba, called Takoku, where he developed a seabed farm covering nearly 700 acres.

He soon began to discover an increasing number of pearls. But he was not satisfied; he had to produce the perfect round pearl.

He discovered his first in 1905, when he had about one million oysters laid over the bed of the ocean.

This revealed the secret. He had always put the foreign matter between the shell and the flesh of the oyster. But in the oyster which produced the perfect pearl, the matter had become embedded in the oyster's flesh itself.

From then on, his experiments developed into a major industry. In 1953, Japan exported nearly 5,000,000 dollars' (about \$1,750,000) worth of cultured pearls, of which 97 per cent went to the United States.

The industry today almost monopolizes the world market. Nearly all came from Mikimoto's company.

When his cultured pearls began to appear in foreign countries, offered at prices one quarter of those for natural pearls, pearl dealers raised a storm of protest and accused Mikimoto of flooding the world with cheap imitations in no way comparable to the genuine article.

The protests culminated in a law suit in Paris. Leading scientists won the case for Mikimoto. They pronounced his pearls completely genuine, and impossible, except under special X-ray and specific gravity tests, to differentiate from natural pearls.

But Mikimoto, with the pride of the inventor, still stuck to his label "cultured pearls," so that the world would know who had produced them. He was always generous with

the pearls which made him rich.

In 1901, before he had produced his first perfect pearl, he presented a selection of the first pearls available to him to the British Crown, for the Coronation of Edward VII. At the International Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1926 he displayed a five-story pagoda, three feet high, studded with about 200,000 pearls worth 250,000 dollars.

His contribution to the Chicago International Exhibition in 1934 was a pearl model of Mount Vernon, its courtyard paved with thousands of jewels and the Stars and Stripes flag made of pearls.

After the exhibition, Mikimoto gave the exhibit to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

At his home on Takoku Island, which had come to be known as "The Pearl Island," he would serve his guests with oysters. Inside, they would always find a perfect cultured pearl.

When the patent on Mikimoto's method of cultivating pearls expired in 1921, scores of newcomers, eager to cash in on quick profits, dumped thousands of poor grade pearls on the world markets.

But Mikimoto worked ceaselessly to improve his pearls and the methods of cultivating them. During his lifetime he registered more than 20 patents, many of them covering devices to protect oysters from predatory enemies.

In spite of his enormous wealth, he lived a frugal life. He always refused to install either refrigerator or electric fans in his house for the hot Japanese summers. In the bitter cold of winter he lived in unheated rooms, considering even the traditional Japanese charcoal brazier an unnecessary luxury.

Much of his wealth was used to build schools, workers' houses, public utilities, and relieve the distress of the poor—China Mail Special.

## World Cotton Markets

New York, Jan. 3.  
Cotton prices saw-sawed narrowly today in quiet dealings.

The market opened on a dull note with hedging and mill buying in balance, and failed to develop any feature during the remainder of the session.

The possibility of freer producer offerings held many traders to the sidelines. They also were awaiting developments in the cotton textile and export markets.

Some switching from nearby March to later month was reported. The New York Cotton Exchange reported exports to foreign countries up to Dec. 28 of a 1,473,839 bales, compared with 1,200,215 bales the like period last season.

Prices softened near the close on some increased hedging and liquidation, and all contracts with the exception of far-off May closed on their lows for the day. The closing range was 6 to 11 points lower. Opened unchanged to 3 points lower. New Orleans futures finished 8 to 12 points lower. Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
March	30,700	372,000
May	20,000	1,139,000
July	9,000	601,500
October	5,000	184,700
December	2,900	102,000
March	2,100	40,400
May	1,000	32,300
Total	71,000	2,068,000

## NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.10a
Mar.	34.65-66
May	35.07
Oct.	35.11
Dec.	35.06
Mar.	35.01
May	35.11

## NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.15
Mar.	34.62
May	34.97
Oct.	35.12
Dec.	35.06
Mar.	35.12
May	35.33

## SAO PAULO

Sao Paulo, Jan. 3.  
The futures market was closed today because of a holiday.

The average price of 15/16 middling cotton at ten designated spot markets was also unavailable. Sales at nine of these markets totalled 33,007 bales.

## New York Sugar Market

New York, Jan. 3.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed unchanged with sales of 6 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed higher with sales of one contract.

The raw market was a very dull affair. In the domestic, Puerto Rico and Philippines were quoted at six cents a pound, delivered, with some Philippines reported at 5.59 cents.

Future closings:  
Contract No. 4 (world)  
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May 3.20  
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September 3.26  
November 3.29  
January 3.32  
March 3.35  
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